



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

For the week ending July 29<sup>th</sup> there was a reported 6.8 days suitable for field work. **Beaver County** reports storms the last 2 weeks. In **Cache County** the days continue to be hot and dry. **Iron County** reports that summer rains continue to improve range conditions and stock water supplies. Reports of monsoon rains in **Kane County** brought much needed drought relief to many areas.

## Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County** farmers continue to harvest wheat and barley. The wheat harvest was more than half complete with dry land yields reported from 10 to 45 bushels per acre. Yields have been average to a little below average where frost occurred. Irrigated yields mostly range from 80 bushels to 120 bushels per acre. Most producers have been bailing straw. Irrigation continues to be a priority for those that have water for alfalfa hay and corn fields. Most second crop alfalfa hay has been harvested and the third crop harvest for some growers will begin in the next week or so. Onions look good to very good in the county. They enjoyed early planting with good stand establishment and warmer temperatures. Safflower in the county is blooming or just past bloom. Grasshoppers are of concern and are causing economic damage in many dryer areas of the county as they move from dry grasslands to hay and other green crops. In **Morgan County** second crop alfalfa is reported to be much better than first crop. **Weber County** farmers are reporting that corn mite populations have continued to increase, prompting producers to spray.

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder** Cattle producers report that their animals are doing well. The majority of the livestock in the county goes to summer range outside of the county and producers have reported that some moisture has been received which has preserved the green feed. Some are still concerned about the possibility of coming off of permits early and poor pastures for fall and winter due to the lack of precipitation. Livestock prices have softened lately with the rise in the corn prices. Many producers have already sold calves via video auction and report that they are

happy with the results of the sale. In **Cache County** feed supplies for livestock from pastures and rangelands are dwindling quickly. Several livestock owners are voicing concern about not having sufficient fall feed for their animals. There is also concern that livestock prices may drop, just weeks before calves are to be weaned. In **Kane County** some livestock producers have begun culling early over concerns that the drought will worsen.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending July 29, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Harvested (Grain)	35	13	8	16
Oats Headed Stage	95	93	91	92
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	75	73	64	74
Spring Wheat Harvested	19	6	1	10
Winter Wheat Harvested	69	45	17	26
Corn Silk Stage	60	37	12	34
Alfalfa Second Cutting	92	73	52	62
Other Hay Cut	86	80	90	85
Apricots Harvested	81	58	68	79
Tart Cherries Harvested	78	69	41	58

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 29, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	13	28	36	23	0
Spring Wheat	2	18	26	43	11
Winter Wheat	5	26	31	30	8
Barley	0	3	20	55	22
Oats	0	4	23	69	4
Corn	0	2	20	58	20
Sheep	0	3	23	55	19
Cattle/calves	0	1	24	60	15

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 29, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	29	39	32	0
Subsoil	29	46	25	0
Irrigation water supplies	27	32	41	0
Stock water supplies	17	30	53	0